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Att. No. Vessels Sighted

1 North of Kolobrzeg, Poland  
BUDA-class escort vessel  
(See photographs 1-5)

2 Kronshtadt and Leningrad  
Destroyers  
and two KOTLIN-class destroyers  
Cruiser  
Submarine Minesweepers,  
Miscellaneous  
patrol vessels.

3 In the Baltic  
cruiser and destroyer (see  
photographs 6 - 12 ).

4 Ventspils  
Submarine chasers  
and KRONSTADT-class submarine  
chasers

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Two cruisers, including the ADMIRAL MAKAROV;  
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6 In the Baltic  
SKORYY-class destroyer

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Leningrad  
Submarine  
chaser

submarine  
and speed boats.

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RIGA-class escort vessel

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Unidentified cruiser and destroyer

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*Attack* [redacted] **a Russian destroyer of the Riga-class was seen**

**in the waters north of KOLBERG** [redacted]

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[redacted]  
[redacted]  
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A. During period of observation, the following naval vessels seen. *USSR*

1.

- ✓1 minesweeper [redacted] in the position 60.02N/28.31E, heading a course of 270° straight (to the right??), speed 14 miles an hour.
- ✓1 minesweeper [redacted] near Leningrad Light Ship, heading a course of 270° straight. Speed not noted.
- ✓1 cruiser [redacted] Probably the ex-Neurenberg. The ship, lying in the harbor of Krohnstadt, had repair work being done on it, as well as painting.
- ✓1 minesweeper [redacted] moored in the harbor of Krohnstadt.
- ✓1 destroyer [redacted] (~~probably a Krohnstadt type~~) moored in the eastern basin of Krohnstadt.
- ✓1 destroyer [redacted] This ship looked like a somewhat heavier type.
- 1 patrol boat in the Morskoy canal (channel) [redacted]
- ✓1 MTB [redacted] also in the Morskoy canal.

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2 destroyers of the Kotlin class under construction/repair at the Zhadanov shipyard.

3. 25 May 1957:

- ✓1 destroyer [redacted] anchored on the roads of Krohnstadt. } probably
- ✓1 destroyer [redacted] " " " " " } Krohnstadt type
- ✓1 cruiser [redacted] in Krohnstadt harbor.
- 1 submarine [redacted] in " "
- ✓ Saw the naval vessels [redacted] again in the harbor of Krohnstadt.
- ✓1 destroyer [redacted] in Krohnstadt harbor.
- 1 patrol vessel [redacted] at anchor 2½ miles from Krohnstadt in the bearing of 270° straight from the Leningrad light ship.
- 1 patrol craft [redacted] (the icebreaker PERESNET)

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Russian Warships in the BALTIC

One Russian cruiser escorted by one Russian destroyer  
and two small East German inshore minesweepers were sighted  
in the BALTIC SEA

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2. SEA AREA BRIEF (One Cruiser)

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W 1450Z

H 1/5 Buoy Meckelenburger Bight. Steering East  
18 knots.

Y Two miles North of above position. Steering SW.  
10 knots.

D Raining with the sun shining.

O Perfect freedom.

F Two vertical funnels with prominent cowls.

I None visible.

L Approx. 650 ft.

M Two masts forward of each funnel.

S Flush deck with built up superstructure between  
funnels and a break right aft in line with X turret.

T 2 Treble turrets forward, 2 treble turrets aft.

A 16 approx. 80 M/M pits.

R 3 Radar scanners observed but could not be described.

S Russian naval ensign.

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3. SEA AREA BRIEF (One destroyer)

W )  
H )  
Y ) As in 2 above  
D )  
O )

F Two funnels slightly raked.

I Could not be distinguished.

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L Approx. 400 ft.  
M One tripod mast forrard one smaller tripod aft.  
S Possible break under foremast but uncertain.  
T One twin turret forrard, one twin turret aft.  
A Torpedo tubes seen but not noted.  
R N.K.  
S Russian naval ensign. Square stern cut away  
and sloping slightly. Depth charge racks right  
aft either side of Q.D.

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Attach. 5

[redacted] outside Ovisi lighthouse a Soviet cruiser and three destroyers in a right-turn column. The vessels came on a course NNE and rounded the lighthouse on a 2-3' distant from land. Outside Ventspils were three large submarines with streamlined turrets, and a submarine chaser of the KRONSTADT type towing a painted cloth target.

[redacted] outside Paldiski the Soviet cruiser ADMIRAL MAKAROV, was followed by six destroyers, probably of the SKORYI type, and three minesweepers similar to the M 40 class. The destroyers held on course, while the minesweepers moved on line.

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[redacted] Soviet destroyer (SKORY Class [redacted]  
was seen at position 12 seamiles northwest Dagerort at course 45°,  
making about 20 knots. The destroyer altered course to about 90°  
near Glatova light buoy. Of the two radars in the higher foremast,  
one was in operation. The destroyer ran almost smokeless.

[redacted] Comment. The destroyer was first reported off Kron [redacted]

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*Attack 7*

1. [redacted] Soviet speedboat [redacted] of a  
racing coupe, without stack, slanting stern, torpedo tubes along  
either side of the bridge, a mast with pear-shaped radar aft of the  
bridge and 1 twin gun forward and aft was on position in the sea  
canal. Speedboat [redacted] which was of identical type, weighted anchor  
west of the Fort (Forts) and made for Leningrad at about 1120.

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2. [redacted] Soviet KRONSTADT [redacted] a flat  
vessel of about 50 meters in length with continuous deck, a raking  
stack in the center and aft of the square bridge, a topmast and a gun  
on the fore'sle was on position in the sea canal. The stack of the vessel  
was painted grey and marked by a white-bordered narrow blue band.

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3. [redacted] Soviet submarine [redacted] put to sea toward  
Kronstadt, coming from the Baltic Shirevsk [redacted]

[redacted] Comment. The vessels were reported for the first time.

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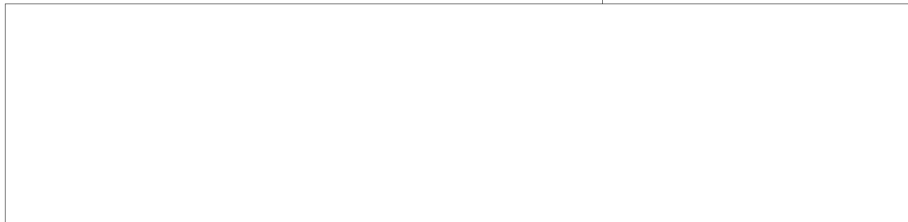
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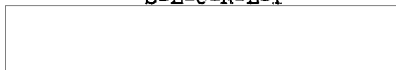
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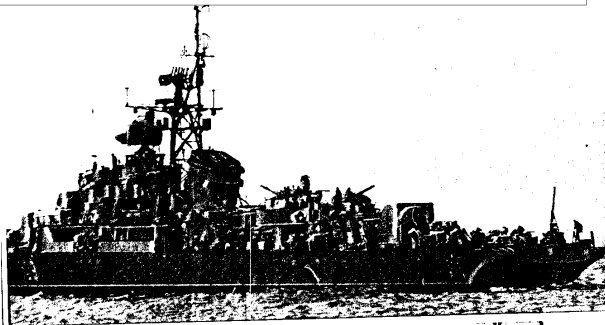
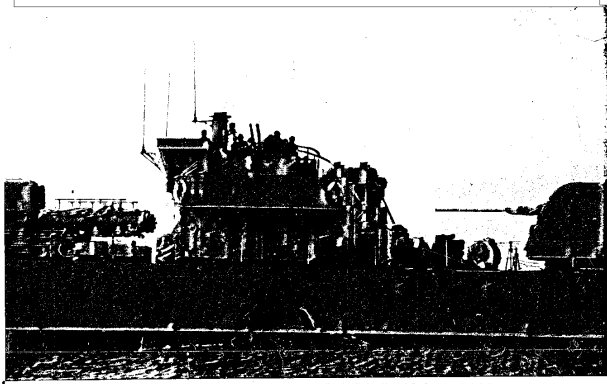
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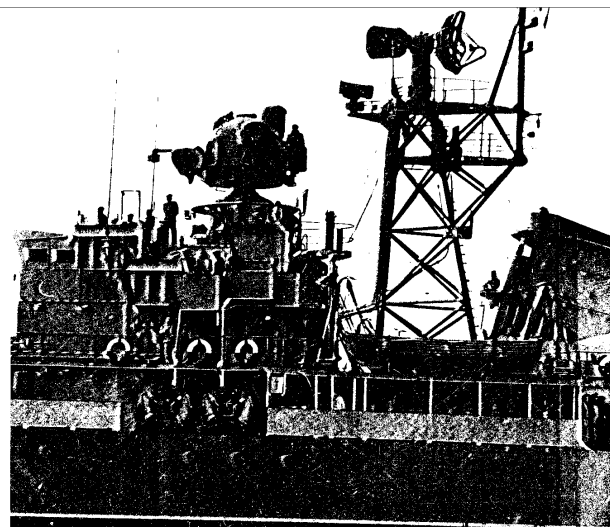
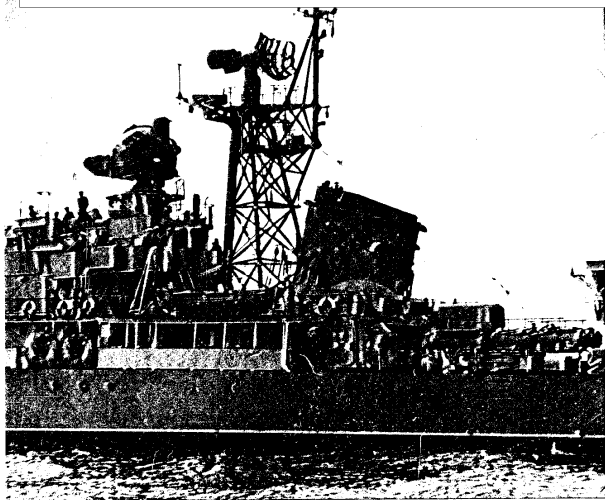
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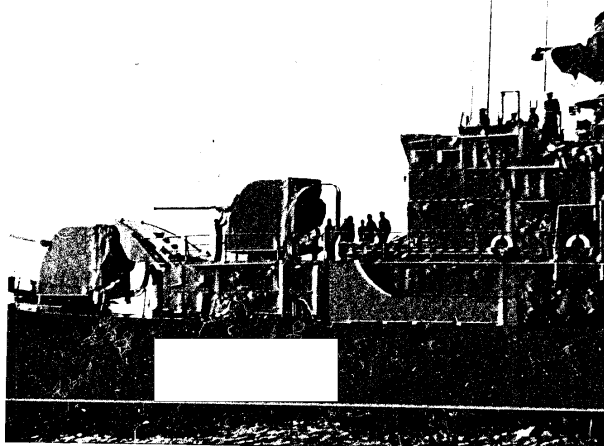


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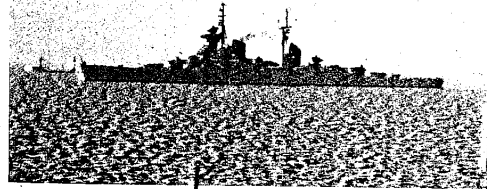
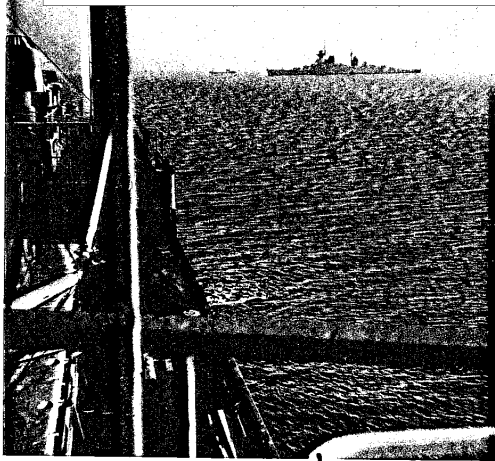
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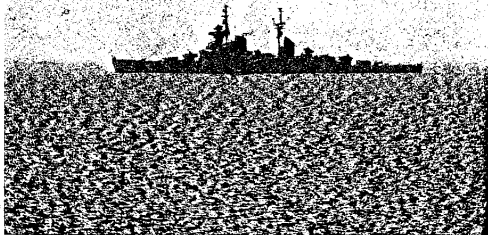
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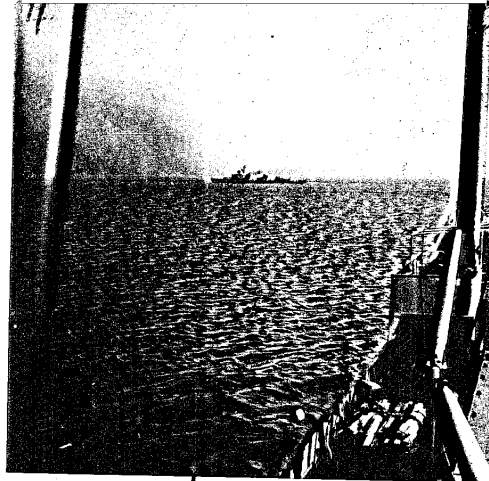
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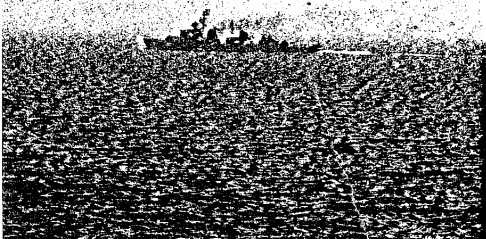
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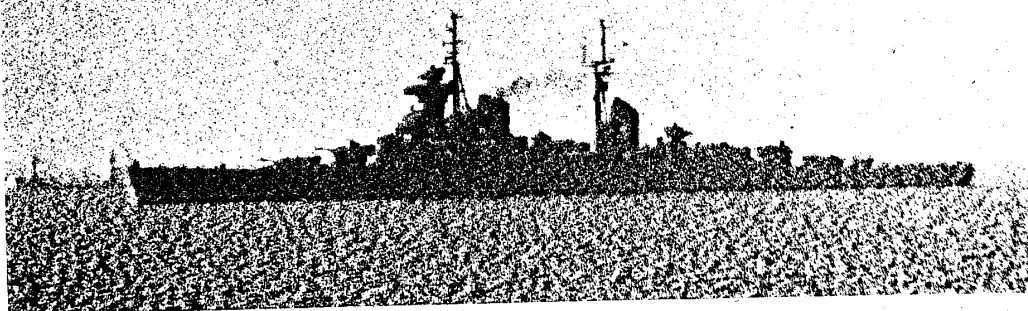
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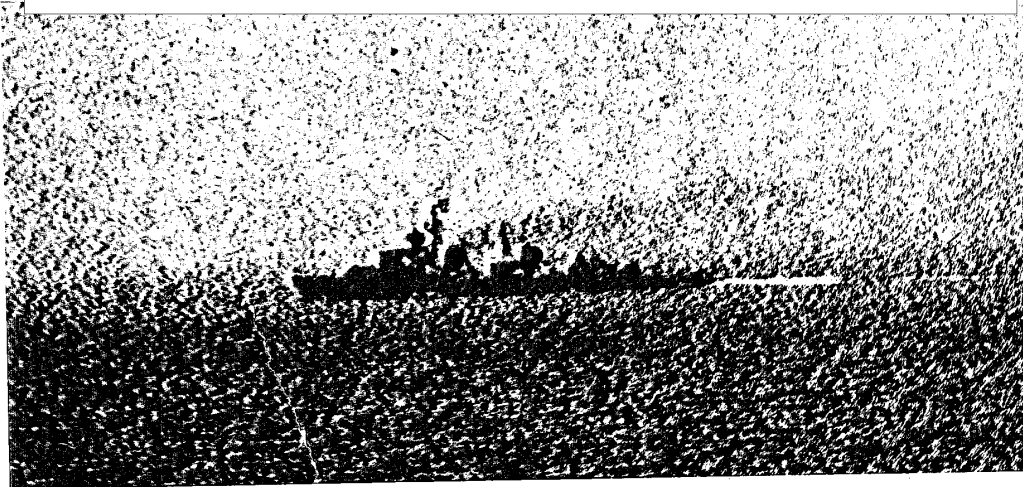
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